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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES-RESETTLEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND

REFS: A) WELLINGTON 1239 B) WELLINGTON 1161 C) WELLINGTON 1351 D) STATE 105051

- 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF GNZ POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES REPORTED IN REFTEL A APPEARS TO BE GOING FORWARD IN RELATIVELY RAPID FASHION. REFTEL C REPORTED GNZ READINESS TO GRANT ENTRY TO VIETNAMESE WHO STUDIED IN NEW ZEALAND. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED INDICATION THAT GNZ WILLING GRANT ENTRY PERMITS TO MISS TRI THI BUU, MRS.. TRI THI VIEN AND MRS. VIEN'S THREE CHILDREN. MISS BUU AND MRS. VIEN ARE SISTERS OF MRS. HIEN HARDING, VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIVING IN NEW ZEALAND. MRS HARDING HAS RECEIVED PHONE CALL INDICATING HER RELATIVES ARE LIVING AT TENT E-17, SECTION 19, OROTE POINT, GUAM. A COUSIN, MAI THI BACK DAO, IS WITH GROUP. FINAL DECISION ON NEW ZEALAND ENTRY PERMIT FOR HER HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE.
- 2. MRS HARDING WOULD LIKE HER RELATIVES TO COME TO UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW ZEALAND ASAP BUT 1) IS UNABLE TO FINANCE THEIR TRAVEL

AND 2) DOES NOT KNOW HOW OR WHERE TO SHORTSTOP EVACUATION PROCESS. REFTEL D INDICATED CANADIANS AND ICEM WOULD ATTEMPT TO SORT OUT REFUGEES WHO WISHED TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE HAS NO INFORMATION ON THIS.

- 3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT APPROXIMATELY NINETY OF THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN REFTEL B WERE EVACUATED FROM VIETNAM. WE EXPECT TO BEGIN RECEIVING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR VIETNAMESE STUDENT RELATIVES HERE IN NEAR FUTURE.
- 4. AT PRESENT EMBASSY IS OPERATING IN THE DARK IN TRYING TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE WHO WISH TO SPONSOR REFUGEES TO COME TO NEW ZEALAND. TRANSPORTATION IS, OF COURSE, MAJOR PROBLEM. LACK OF INFORMATION AS TO WHERE OR HOW TO BREAK INTO EVACUATION CHAIN IS ALSO TROUBLESOME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE POINTS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING MRS. HARDING'S FAMILY TO NEW ZEALAND. KILLGORE

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